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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Geoffrey Christopher Michael Plampin on February 28, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Plampin was born on March 4, 1923, at the U.S. Army base in Fort McPherson, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plampin started college at Georgia Tech, then joined the U.S. Army Air Force in the spring of 1941; after Officer's Candidate School, he became the second youngest lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Force and rose to the rank of Captain before the end of the war; he served at various bases in the U.S. as well as in B29 squadrons in Morocco and Guam; and

WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Plampin transferred to the University of Chicago, where he converted to Catholicism and studied Medieval English History; he received his A.B. in 1957 and became editor of Official Publications and Dissertation Secretary for the University, successor to Kate Turabian; he edited over 14,000 dissertations during his career; in 1962, he became the Vice-Marshall of the University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plampin married Barbara Eleanor Wykes in 1961; they welcomed two children, Christopher and John, and one grandson, Christopher Jan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plampin retired from the University in 1992; he served at various times on the boards of the Quadrangle Club, the Renaissance Society, and the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company; he performed in Faculty Revels, at Court Theatre, Rockefeller Chapel, Gilbert and Sullivan at Mandel Hall, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, and other venues; he loved character roles; he also made industrial films,

1 commercials, and blurbs for Channel 11; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Plampin and his wife left Hyde Park in 1988
3 and moved to Dune Acres, Indiana; he served as Dune Acres
4 Police Commissioner and as Building Commissioner; there were
5 many things he had a passion for: language; history; opera;
6 classical music; ballet; the theatre; and especially cultural
7 trips to Europe; New York, New York; Santa Fe, New Mexico; and
8 San Francisco, California; he read in abundance, mainly
9 thrillers, mysteries, biographies, and he enjoyed political
10 and other news; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Plampin loved family and friends, always
12 filling the formal dining table for Christmas and other
13 holidays; he especially enjoyed the company of the younger
14 Plampins; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 mourn the passing of Geoffrey Christopher Michael Plampin, and
18 we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all
19 who knew and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Geoffrey Christopher Michael Plampin
22 as an expression of our sincere condolences.